

Councilman Resigns In Ocean City Furore; Mayor Vows to Stay

OCEAN CITY, Md., July 22.—City Councilman G. Lester Esham announced today he had submitted his resignation and said he understood "some kind of action" is contemplated by the two other council members.

Mr. Esham refused to give his reasons. His action came after newspaper reports stirred up a furore about gambling on the Atlantic resort's boardwalk and in hotels and night clubs. Licensed liquor dealers also have protested that unlicensed interests are selling beverages.

"My reasons," said Councilman Esham, "have been stated in a letter which I have sent to the Mayor."

Meeting Scheduled Tonight.

Councilman Crawford Savage said he had no comment on Mr. Esham's resignation or on tonight's scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council. Councilman Rudolph Dolle said he "hadn't heard anything about it."

Mayor Daniel Trimper said he hadn't heard anything about the resignation and declared:

"I can tell you one thing, though—I'm not going to resign. My conscience is clear."

Some 15 or 16 hotels and restaurants pay a \$1,000 annual Ocean City license for the privilege of selling alcoholic beverages by the drink. Sale by the drink in places which cannot qualify as hotels or restaurants is illegal.

Reports Called "Exaggerated."

Most of the licensed dealers met with the Mayor and Council two weeks ago to protest that unlicensed interests were selling liquor after hours and to minors.

City and county officials described as "exaggerated" reports of widespread gambling.

Commenting on articles in the Baltimore Sun which reported slot machines, dice games, bingo contests, and back-making establishments operating extensively in hotels, night clubs and other boardwalk establishments, Mayor Trimper declared:

"I believe the report is greatly exaggerated. It is not as bad as you fellows make it. The places mentioned are not within the city limits of Ocean City."

Slot Machines Seized.

Franklin Upshur, State's attorney for Worcester County, reported two slot machines were seized recently on property owned by Granville Trimper, brother of the Mayor, and said the case would come before the grand jury at the October term of Circuit Court.

Sheriff Arthur W. Duer of Worcester County said he had visited Ocean City about three weeks ago, "walked over the whole boardwalk and found nothing amiss." He said he had warned the operators of "several wheels" that they could not operate for money.

Chief of Police Josiah Savage would not comment about the existence of slot machines in Ocean City, pointing out the ban against them is a State law and up to State officials to enforce.

Sheriff Duer said he would do his best to get rid of any illegal machines if he can get the co-operation of Ocean City Police.

Perlman Is Approved By Senate Unit, 10-1

After a six-month delay and long hearings, the Senate Judiciary Committee approved yesterday President Truman's nomination of Philip B. Perlman of Baltimore to be Solicitor General.

The Senate now will vote on it Thursday or Friday.

The committee's vote was 10 to 1. Senator Ferguson, Republican, of Michigan, chairman of a subcommittee which held hearings for more than two months, voted against it. Four other Republicans voted with six Democrats for approval. Senator Ferguson told a reporter he will file a minority report and will fight the nomination on the Senate floor but added he has no intention of attempting to delay action on it until the next session of Congress.

Mr. Perlman, 57, former Maryland Secretary of State and past city solicitor of Baltimore, had complained that the subcommittee's cross-examination of him was "unfair" and "fantastic."

Senator Ferguson and Senator Donnell, Republican, of Missouri questioned him at length on legal work he did for the Automatic Voting Machine Co. of Jamestown, N. Y.; the Baltimore Transit Co. and the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

Europe Can Recover, Harriman Believes

Secretary of Commerce Harriman believes Europe will be able to get back on its feet, with United States aid.

The cabinet officer expressed this opinion yesterday at his first news conference since returning from Europe with Secretary of Agriculture Anderson. The two men made a study to determine what the two departments could do to assist in the administration of the bi-zonal areas of Germany.

Mr. Harriman thus took exception to the view of Senator Connally, Democrat, of Texas, who asserted during the week end that he had grave doubts over Europe's ability to work out a program for economic recovery as suggested by Secretary of State Marshall.

Mr. Harriman was asked if he thought Congress should be called back in the fall to implement the Marshall plan. He replied that Congress should give it top consideration on its return next January.

"The Secretary commented that it was to the United States' interest to see that Europe helps itself and also receives aid from this country. But he conceded that American funds could not be made available to European countries 'indefinitely.'"

"Europe's greatest needs now are for grain and coal. Given more food, much-needed coal production, particularly in the Ruhr, could be stepped up," the Secretary said. He noted that German industries are operating at only 38 per cent of pre-war level, while in France and Belgium, production is better than 60 per cent of pre-war.

Coffee Bags Arrive

Arrival of 120,000 used jute bags from New York recently relieved Nicaragua's shortage of bags for exporting its 1947 coffee crop.

Boy, 6, Alters Tale of Dropping 2 Babies to Deaths at Hospital



Police Chief Stanley W. Switzer of Massillon, Ohio said yesterday that Roger Gue, 6 (shown with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Gue, in a recent picture), had admitted the accidental killing of two babies at Massillon City Hospital June 6, but the boy's mother today said he had changed his story and she did not now believe her son dropped the infants. —AP Wirephoto.

By the Associated Press

MASSILLON, Ohio, July 22.—Mrs. Roger Gue of Navarre, mother of the 6-year-old boy reported by Police Chief Stanley W. Switzer to have admitted the accidental killing of two babies in City Hospital last month, said today her son again had changed his story and that she did not now believe her son dropped the infants.

Mrs. Gue said the boy reverted last night in questioning by his parents to his original story, told authorities earlier this month, of seeing a big boy in a white coat enter the nursery.

"If Roger continues to stick to his original story of seeing the boy in the white coat enter the nursery, we plan to call Prosecutor D. D. McLaughlin to inform him of the child's change of mind," she said.

She added she did not believe the boy's story, released by the Massillon police chief yesterday, of dropping the babies accidentally while playing nurse.

Mrs. Gue said she and her husband were unaware that "the man we admitted to our home Sunday afternoon to question Roger were investigators of any kind."

Then she added:

"We know nothing of the gift promised the boy if he admitted playing with the babies and dropping them."

Investigating authorities earlier were disagreed on how the two infants met their deaths at City Hospital despite the widely publicized story released by Chief Switzer yesterday.

To Police Chief Stanley W. Switzer, the 47-day-old mystery "certainly" was solved after little Roger Gue told him yesterday he was playing with the babies.

12 Nations to Confer On Child Nutrition

A 12-nation committee on child nutrition will convene here tomorrow for a four-day session to give technical advice to the International Children's Emergency Fund of the United Nations.

The meeting will be held at 2000 Massachusetts avenue N.W., headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization, FAO and the Interim Commission of the World Health Organization are co-sponsors of the meeting.

Countries to be represented are Canada, Czechoslovakia, China, France, Greece, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, United Kingdom and the United States.

The Children's Fund was established by the United Nations last December to take over the work of UNRRA in the field of child care.

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Roosevelt Files Sought By War Probers Ruled 'Valid Gift to U. S.'

Custody of the papers and files of Franklin D. Roosevelt sought by the Senate War Investigating Committee is vested in the Government, under the ruling of a New York court.

The decision, which was made yesterday by Surrogate Frederick S. Quinterro of Dutchess County, New York, did not make clear, however, whether the documents automatically are made available to all branches of the Government.

The Associated Press quoted one official as saying that "not all Government property is accessible to all Government officials, but I don't know what rule might apply to the Roosevelt papers."

Under Control of Archivist.

Surrogate Quinterro said the documents were a "valid and effective" gift of the late President to the United States, which he established in his Hyde Park home. This library is under the jurisdiction of the Archivist of the United States, Dr. Solon J. Buck.

The ruling grew out of an action by the Roosevelt executors to get legal determination on whether the papers should go to the library or were a part of the Roosevelt estate. Earle R. Koons, attorney for the estate, said he did not believe the availability of the papers to the Government figured in the Quinterro decision.

Dr. Buck refused to comment on the surrogate's decision until he had learned of it officially.

Search of Papers Refused.

The Senate War Investigating Committee several weeks ago unsuccessfully sought permission to go through the late President's papers in search of data on Navy purchases of Arabian oil.

Last Saturday the same committee issued a subpoena to the Roosevelt executors for papers dealing with war contracts of the Hughes Tool Co. and the Kaiser-Hughes Corp.

The committee is checking planes which the firm signed contracts to manufacture. The tool company is headed by Howard Hughes, the aviator. He and Henry J. Kaiser, the industrialist, were associated in the other concern.

Mr. Koons said the executors would make "every effort" to furnish the subpoenaed papers, but that it was not known at once whether they were included in the documents now stored at the Hyde Park library. Much of the material has not been removed from the boxes in which it was shipped from Washington.

National Symphony Offers Gershwin Concert Tonight

Alexander Smallens, musical director of George Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess" when the American folk opera was presented in New York several years ago, will conduct the National Symphony Orchestra in its annual Gershwin Memorial Concert at 8:30 o'clock tonight at the Water Gate.

Guest artist will be Pianist Sidney Foster, who will play "Concerto in F" and the familiar "Rhapsody in Blue."

In addition to an arrangement of several numbers from "Porgy and Bess," the program will include "Cuban Overture" and "An American in Paris."

Mrs. Grant Is Given Human Welfare Post

By the Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS, July 22.—The Southern Conference of Human Welfare yesterday announced appointment of Mrs. Edmonia W. Grant as acting administrator, succeeding Dr. James Drombrowski.

Dr. Drombrowski has been named director of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., the announcement said. It added that the change was decided on at an administrative meeting of the National Board of the conference.

Mrs. Grant has been active in social work for many years. A native of Tennessee, she received her bachelor of arts degree from Howard University and her masters' degree in educational sociology from Fisk.

Action by Congress Lets 3 Brides Stay in Hawaii

By the Associated Press

HONOLULU, July 22.—Three Hawaiian war brides—two of them British subjects—were overjoyed yesterday to learn they may remain with their former GI husbands.

Facing deportation because they lacked 51 per cent Caucasian blood or racial background eligible for citizenship, Mrs. Mrs. Mrs. Lena White and Mrs. Doris Morgan were advised that war brides were exempted from the restrictions by a House resolution just passed by the United States Senate.

Dutch women pilots now employ 17,185 workers, compared with 19,465 in 1940.

Eight D. C.-Bound B-29s to Leave Tokyo Next Week

A one-stop flight of eight B-29s from Tokyo to Washington was revealed yesterday as one of the Army's observances of the 40th birthday anniversary of its Air Force.

The planes will hop off at 7 a.m. July 31, and aim at crossing between the Washington Monument and Lincoln Memorial on August 1, Air Force day. The distance roughly is 7,000 miles.

The one scheduled stop will be at Elmendorf Field, Anchorage, Alaska, with a maximum of three hours allowed for refueling. They will land here at Andrews Field.

The B-29s are of the 492nd Bomb Squadron, 7th Bomb Group, 8th Air Force, based at Fort Worth, Tex. They will be under command of Lt. Col. Howard F. Hugos of Oklahoma.

Estimated time from Tokyo to Anchorage is 12½ hours and from Anchorage to Andrews Field, 13 hours 10 minutes.

The air command said the trip is intended to train crews in long range overwater navigation and other techniques of such missions.

Day Camp Is Opened Near Four Corners

A day camp was opened yesterday at the Fairway Recreation Center, Greenock and Lanark roads, near Four Corners, Md.

Operated by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, the camp will be open for small children from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and on Saturday mornings, the commission said. The recreation program will continue through August.

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Petty Officer on Trial Charged With Cruelty To Fellow Prisoners

By the Associated Press

NEW YORK, July 22.—Arguments on technical points occupied most of the first day of the general court-martial trial at Brooklyn Navy Yard of Chief Signalman Harold E. Hirschberg, 29, of Brooklyn, accused of mistreating fellow prisoners of the Japanese.

Specifications of the charge had not been heard when the court recessed late yesterday.

Opening arguments indicated the charge specified maltreatment of prisoners and making known an escape plan of an Army private who was subject to the petty officer's orders.

Lt. Comdr. John J. O'Neill, defense counsel, told the court: "Now, it is easy to say how this man should have acted. But while a prisoner, he had one main interest, survival. The court must acknowledge that survival is a dominant trait of man."

Comdr. O'Neill objected to the specifications, challenged qualifications of four of the six members of the court-martial board on grounds that they might have had previous knowledge of the charges, and asserted the board had no jurisdiction in Chief Signalman Hirschberg's case.

Comdr. O'Neill contended that the honorable discharge given the accused on March 26, 1946, barred prosecution for an alleged offense prior to that date. Hirschberg re-enlisted the next day.

Lt. Comdr. Fred H. Frey, judge advocate, argued that the defendant's service was, in effect, continuous.

Capt. Nelson W. Pickering, board president, announced that Comdr. O'Neill's challenge of the court's jurisdiction "is not sustained," and overruled him on the other points.

Hirschberg enlisted in the Navy in September, 1936, and was sent overseas in April, 1939. In 1940 he was commended for saving a man from drowning in the Yangtze River in China. Captured at Corregidor in May, 1942, he was a prisoner of the Japanese in four prison camps in the Philippines before being moved to Japan in August, 1944. As a ranking petty officer, he was detailed to supervisory work by his captors.

The defendant was liberated after

V-J-day and recently has been assigned to shore patrol work here. He has a son, Barry, less than a year ago.

British Ships in Lead

Britain took the lead away from the United States in tonnage entering Chinese ports last October and is holding it, Shanghai reports. It was the first time since the war that the Union Jack had surpassed the Stars and Stripes. The reason was the United States shipping strike.

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